Before you make a research plan, you are advised to understand the Sub-Program (SP) and Component (CP) you are applying for, background of the CP, and expected research areas in the CP.

Sub-Program (SP) (Target priority area of JDS)

3. Strengthening of Governance

**Component** (Development issue in the SP)

## 3-2. Legal and Judicial Development

## CP background

Good governance is a foundation for all development efforts. The Cambodian government has worked hard to develop the country's legal system and reform its judicial system. Nevertheless, it is absolutely essential to develop the capacities of those who are responsible for implementing the legal system. It is also necessary to develop and properly enforce customs laws, Special Economic Zone (SEZ) laws, and labor laws in order to vitalize economic activities and trade.

In such situation, it is necessary to foster such human resources as policymakers and policy users who can boost up the judicial reform of the Royal Government of Cambodia which aims to resolve loopholes of law, shortage of human resource, access limitation to the court from the average citizen, weak effectiveness of judgment, and corruption in law.

## Expected research areas

Legal system operation, tariff / SEZ related law development, labor related law, etc.